

REMARKS

At the time the current Official Action was mailed, the Examiner objected to claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 and indicated that claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter. Further, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 8-18. In view of the allowable subject matter, Applicants have chosen to place the application in condition for allowance. However, it should be noted that Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejections.

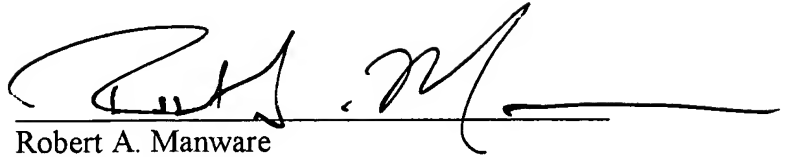
Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations originally recited in claim 2. Accordingly, claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 3 and 6 have been amended to recite proper dependency on claim 1 as a result of the cancellation of claim 2. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 3 and 6-18 are currently in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and allowance of claims 1, 3 and 6-18. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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